

CLAIM LISTING

1. (Currently Amended) A hot melt method for preparing diphenhydramine tannate which comprises reacting diphenhydramine free base with tannic acid in the presence of 0 to about 20 wt.% water at a temperature of about 75 to about 150°C and thereafter recovering the resultant diphenhydramine tannate.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature of 80 to 100°C.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the diphenhydramine free base is employed in an amount of about 4 to about 8 moles of the free base per mole of tannic acid.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the diphenhydramine free base is employed in an amount of 5 to 6 moles of the free base per mole of tannic acid.
6. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the recovered diphenhydramine tannate is subsequently dried under vacuum at a temperature of about 65 to about 75°C for a period of 1 to 10 hours or more.
7. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the resultant diphenhydramine tannate is dried by sparging with nitrogen for a period of 1 to 10 hours or more.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the resultant diphenhydramine tannate is milled to provide a free-flowing powder.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the powder has a particle size in the range of about 50 to about 200mesh.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the diphenhydramine free base is obtained by reacting a diphenhydramine salt with the stoichiometric amount of a base.

11. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the diphenhydramine salt consists of diphenhydramine maleate.

12. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the base consists of aqueous sodium hydroxide.